

**DECLARATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FOR THE COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630, and Section 2.56.060 of the Inyo County Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County Board of Supervisors is not in session and Inyo County is threatened or likely to be threatened by the conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this County; and,

WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors is not currently in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and,

WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors shall take action to ratify this Proclamation within seven days thereafter or the Proclamation shall have no further force or effect; and,

WHEREAS, severe thunderstorms swept over portions of Inyo County beginning July 22, 2013, resulting in torrential rains, high winds, electrical storms, mud and debris flows and other localized flooding and landslides throughout portions of central, south and south east Inyo County; and,

WHEREAS, these monsoonal weather conditions threatened lives, damaged and destroyed County roads and State highways and routes including portions of highways 395, 190 and 168 , and County roads including but not limited to North Saline Valley Road, Whitney Portal Road, Panamint Valley Road, Trona Wildrose Road, Mazourka Canyon Road, Division Creek Road and Death Valley Road, and left motorists and other travelers stranded and requiring temporary rooming in and throughout portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, this damage has compounded damage resulting from the ongoing Roadeater emergency of 2012 for which the County has had neither the resources or personnel to fully mitigate and restore; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions are predicted to continue for another week and are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, facilities and fiscal resources of the County of Inyo; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Inyo does hereby find that conditions of disaster and of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen in Inyo County, caused by the thunderstorms, torrential rains, high winds, electrical storms, landslides, and mud and debris flows and these conditions are or are likely to continue and are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, facilities and fiscal resources of the County of Inyo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Inyo that, for the reasons set forth herein, a local emergency now exists throughout Inyo County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND REQUESTED that the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services concur in this declaration of a local emergency; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND REQUESTED that Governor of the State of California proclaim a State Emergency in Inyo County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions, and that this emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until either the Governor of the State of California, or the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, proclaims its termination, or if the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo does not ratify this proclamation with seven days of its issuance. Further, it is directed that this emergency proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Governor of the State of California, with a request for any and all assistance, including that available under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA).

DECLARED this 26th day of July, 2013, by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Inyo.



Kevin D. Carunchio, Director
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County of Inyo, State of California